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Voters last week choseKimberly R. May, Melandie Hines and John Albrecht as members of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education.

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Mayor honors city victims of coronavirus

When Westland Mayor William R. Wild began his State of the City address last month, he dedicated his presentation to the then 107 residents of the community who lost their lives to the coronavirus.

Wild noted that city officials took the pandemic threat seriously and worked with labor groups and employees to curb the spread of the epidemic and said that the city was one of the first communities to be able to resume full operations.

He noted the 50-point neighborhood makeover plan was ahead of schedule with progress in 36 of the districts. The installation of more than 200 new LED streetlights and road repairs, along with new sidewalks and a major water main completion were also on his list of infrastructure improvements in the city.

Wild stressed the economic development and private investment in the city noting the $20 million investment and 100 new jobs at the US Farathane plant, the Regency of Westland $16,5 million investment; $5 million reinvestment by Emagine Theatre; the establishment of a new $11 million Community Health Center in the city by Garden City Hospital in the former David's Bridal location, and another $5 million conversion of Dicks Sporting Goods building to US Ice and American Pulse Processing.

He noted changes in the Westland Police Department and the resolution by city council declaring racism as a public health crisis and the creation of a commission to assess internal policies and procedures in the department.

Wild said the city is operating with a $72 million balance budget and the city has received more than $2 million in grant money with another $1.5 million pending. He said the previous unfunded MERS Pension obligation in the city could soon be reduced by 95 percent with a bond sale that would require annual payments less than the pension contribution, creating ongoing relief for the city general fund budget.

Curbside recycling has been returned to the community, Wild said, and the city has joined with Livonia, Canton Township and Northville Township to study the possibility and benefits of creating a Western Wayne County Water Authority to reduce water bills for residents.

As he closed his address, Wild presented a memorial video tribute to the Westland residents who succumbed to the coronavirus during the pandemic.

Mayor William R. Wild

Wild's 2020 State of the City Address can be viewed on YouTube at https://youtu.be/kgqOx5JsjdA

The VFW Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 Honor Guard helped World War II Navy veteran Gordon Macorkindale celebrate his 100th birthday last week and honored his military service. Photo by Don Howard

Special salute

100-year-old veteran celebrates with medals, memories

Don Howard
Staff Writer

World War II veteran Gordon Macorkindale is a brand-new centenarian, who celebrated his 100th birthday in grand style just before Veterans Day.

Macorkindale, whose birthday was Oct. 26, is known as "Corky" by his friends. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946 in war-torn Guam; a U.S. territory in the Mariana Islands captured by the Japanese from the U.S. in 1941, and remembered for the fierce fighting and more than 7,000 American casualties.

As he reminisced about his military service, Macorkindale said his first assignment was at the Naval general store on the Pacific tropical island where he served as clerk and took care of personnel matters. Macorkindale said he joined the Navy because the recruiting station "was right there in Grosse Ile and because it offered a bowling alley on-site…I loved bowling and my scores were always in the 200s.

"I organized all the tournaments between different branches of the Army, Navy and Air Force," he recalled about those first years in the military.

Gordon Macorkindale displays his medals awarded for his World War II Navy service. Photo by Don Howard

Macorkindale was an avid golfer along with his recognized bowling prowess. He has received numerous awards for his bowling skill and high scores.

Last week, surrounded by his family, friends and loved ones at American House Westland Hunter, the staff made sure Macorkindale's 100th birthday included a very special party, presenting him with gifts and a surprise visit from members of the American Legion.

Members of American Legion Post 32 Honor Guard presented Macorkindale with a Special Recognition Service Medal and a POW (Prisoner of War) recognition medal 74 years after his honorable discharge in 1946.

Macorkindale married his wife, Doris, in 1950 and they were married for 49 years before her death. The couple had three children and his two sons and his daughter have made him the grandfather of seven and the great-grandfather of eight.

Following his honorable discharge from the military, Macorkindale and his brother and brother-in-law went into business as Twin Pines Dairy milkmen.

Gordon Macorkindale was 22 when he joined the U.S. Navy.

When staff members asked the veteran how 100 feels, he had his usual spirited answer.

"I don't know I've never been 100 before, but I feel great this month. I've felt really loved and a little tired from partying."

He also said his best advice to the younger generation would be to "be happy and do your best to stay happy, that's the key!"

Canton

Take a hike

Naturalist to guide walk Saturday

Area residents looking to explore the great outdoors and discover the beauty that nature has to offer are invited to join Canton Leisure Services on the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail during a special "Hike With a Naturalist" from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

This free, family- and pet-friendly community event will include a walk-through of approximately 0.75 miles of wetland areas with information and commentary provided by Justin Smith, a community outreach interpreter from Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

"Staying physically active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy, especially in these stressful times," said Canton Township Special Events Coordinator Gary Marks. "We're excited to offer this unique opportunity for participants to become better educated about this special ecosystem that's right here in Canton."

The entrance to the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail is located in Flodin Park, which is located at Morton Taylor and Saltz Road. Parking is available in the Flodin Park lot, until spots are filled. Participants can also take part in a photo scavenger hunt and get answers to their questions about this wetland ecosystem, as well as information on 'Leave No Trace' principles and recycling.

Although this is a free event, pre-registration is required at www.cantonfun.org. Choose from either the 10 a.m. session using code SE1114 or the 11 a.m. walk using code SE1115.

Participants are asked to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring their questions about this unique trail. The hike will take place rain or shine.

The Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail will be the site of a Hike With A Naturalist on Saturday.

Canton Leisure Services is committed to offering a safe, socially distanced event for participants, and staff; therefore, masks are required in order to participate in this event.

To find additional information about this free "Hike with a Naturalist," visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734)394-5460.

2 veteran Canton firefighters retire from department

Steven Borgelt

Mark Price

Two veteran fire fighters have retired from the Canton Township Fire Department.

Battalion Chief Steven Borgelt and Batallion Chief Mark Price who have a combined 56 years seniority in the department retired last month.

Both Borgelt and Price started with the department as firefighters in 1992 and earned their paramedic licenses in 2000, when the department converted from basic to an Advanced Life Support medical provider.

As firefighter/paramedics, both Borgelt and Price were assigned to an ambulance, providing emergency medical treatment to thousands of patients with varying injuries and illnesses. They were each later trained as an operator, running the multi-faceted fire engines and pumper trucks on fire scenes.

Borgelt was promoted to the rank of captain in 2012, and to Battalion Chief in 2016. In his role as an officer, he was responsible for numerous administrative duties, along with overseeing a shift of firefighter/medics responding to calls for emergency service.

Price was promoted to the rank of captain in 2013, and to Battalion Chief in 2018. In his role as an officer, he, too, was responsible for numerous administrative duties, along with overseeing a shift of firefighter/medics responding to calls for emergency service. "Battalion Chief is the highest ranking position in the fire suppression division. With two retiring at the same time, the department is losing a lot of experience and leadership," said Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein.

"Both of these men contributed to the organization by upholding the high fire service standards our community has come to expect from the Canton Fire Department. They should retire with pride in knowing they were integral in ensuring their shift of firefighters went home safely to their families every night," Stoecklein added.

Bank robbery suspect being sought by police

Chase Bank at Michigan Avenue and Old Canton Center Road was robbed of an undisclosed amount of cash last week.

According to police reports, Canton police were called to the bank at about 3:31 p.m. last Thursday, Nov. 5 to investigate the reported robbery. Witnesses told the responding officers that a man presented a note demanding money to a teller. After receiving an unknown amount of cash he immediately left the building. No vehicle was reported as seen by police.

The suspect was described by witnesses at a black male, about 6-feet, 2-inches to 6-feet,4-inches tall with a thick build. He was wearing a black knit hat, a gray and camo-colored hooded jacket, gray shirt and dark-colored pants. Witnesses said that no weapon was observed during the robbery and there were no injuries reported in the incident.

Robbery suspect

Anyone with information about the suspect's identity is asked to call the Canton Township Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Voters favor Democratic candidates in Canton

Democratic candidates swept the ballot in Canton Township where several incumbent Republican candidates, including Supervisor Pat Williams and long-time trustee John Anthony were defeated by voters.

Voters gave AnneMarie Graham-Hudak 30,455 or 55.56 percent of their votes last week to defeat Williams who received 24,234 or 44.21 percent of the vote totals.

Clerk Michael Siegrist, a Democrat, was unopposed for his seat as was incumbent Democrat Dian Slavens who will return as township treasurer.

Four Democrats seeking were selected by voters to serve on the board of trustees.

Top vote getter was Kate Borninski who received 31,314 votes. Second highest vote getter was incumbent Sommer N. Foster who received 30,631votes.

They will be joined on the board of trustees by Tania Ganguly who received 30,143 votes and Steven Sneideman, an incumbent, who received 30,069 votes.

Anthony received 21,146 votes; Carly Sayre received 20,538; Devon Smith garnered 19,544 votes and Brian Williams received a total of 20,147. All are Republicans.

There were also 392 write-in votes reported.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC HEARING
CDBG ADVISORY COUNCIL

On Wednesday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. in a virtual public hearing on the township website (www.canton-mi.org), the Canton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Council will hold a public hearing on the PY 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report ("CAPER"). Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Mike Sheppard, Financial Analyst, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5225.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION REPORT
(Program Year 2019 CDBG "CAPER")
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5225, during regular business hours or you may email mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org for an electronic copy. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for at least 15 days, beginning November 12, 2020. Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY
December 8, 2020 - 7:00 PM

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The meeting and public hearing will be held by electronic remote access. The planning commission will consider a request to amend the Springwater Park HPUD Agreement to allow a new restaurant located at 39715 6 Mile Road (formerly Brann's Steakhouse) to reduce the parking lot setback to 31'-48' from the south property line, abutting the Springwater Park condominiums.

The public is invited to participate in the public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. For information on how to participate in the meeting and view the documents for the public hearing, please visit the township's public meetings page on the website https://twp.northville.mi.us/, or by calling the Department of Public Services at 248-348-5830. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

1) Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.
2) List of equipment used to provide snow removal.
3) Employer Federal Tax I.D.
4) Copy of Business License.
5) List of all drivers and their drivers' license numbers.
6) Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be provided also from each contractor, if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.
7) Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
8) Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds-all regulations to be complied with.
9) Sealed bids to be submitted to Township Clerks Office by November 16, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Bids to be opened November 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The Township of Sumpter is an equal opportunity employer.

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INKSTER - PLYMOUTH

Ho, Ho, Ho

Pandemic changes Santa's arrival plans

Santa Claus will make his annual visit to the City of Plymouth the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 27.

While Santa's arrival on a fire truck is usually greeted by hundreds of Plymouth families in Kellogg Park as he accepts the key to the city, this year he will observing social distancing and taking precautions against the coronavirus by greeting children in their neighborhood parks.

Santa will board the Plymouth Fire Department ladder truck at Plymouth City Hall at 5:45 Nov. 27 and travel the short distance to Kellogg Park. He will receive the key to the city from Mayor Oliver Wolcott and after officially lighting the city Christmas tree, Santa will travel around town to visit boys and girls. He will visit Fairground, Lions Club, Wilcox, Garden Club, Rotary, Hough, Kiwanis, Starkweather and Knights of Columbus parks. At each stop, Santa will address children from the fire truck and will have a special message for them.

Children will be able to follow Santa's trip around town via the Santa Tracker on the City of Plymouth Facebook page and will know exactly when he will arrive in their neighborhood.

Adding to the fun, children (with help from their parents) can send a letter to Santa through the city website for a chance to win a $20 downtown Plymouth gift card.

More information will be posted on the city Facebook page.

Santa will visit children in several local parks in Plymouth when he arrives this year rather than entertain large crowds in Kellogg Park.

Voters favor incumbents in township vote

In Plymouth Township balloting Nov. 3, voters returned incumbent Kurt Heise to the office of supervisor.

Heise, completing his first term as supervisor after winning a grassroots write-in campaign four years ago, received a total of 10,911 votes or 58.26 percent of the total cast. Of those, 7,207 were by absentee ballot for the republican candidate. His opponent, Democrat Mary Starr received 7,809 votes, and 6,429 of her votes were cast by absentee ballot. She received 41.68 percent of the vote totals.

Former Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman, a democrat, was defeated by incumbent Jerry Vorva, a Republican. Conzelman received 7,687 votes in her bid to return to the office Vorva captured from her four years ago. This election, Vorva received 10,841 votes, returning him to the clerk's office for a second term.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Mark Clinton, a Republican, was unopposed for his seat.

> *Incumbent trustees Gary Heitman and Jack Dempsey did not seek reelection to the board.*

Incumbent trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Charles J. Curmi, both Republicans, were re-elected by voters. Doroshewitz was the top vote getter with 10,020 votes followed closely by Curmi with 9,897. Newcomer Audrey Monaghan, a Republican, received a total of 9,610 votes to secure a position on the board of trustees. John Stewart, a former state representative, running in this election as a Republican, received 9,340 votes, winning a term on the board. Incumbent trustees Gary Heitman and Jack Dempsey did not seek reelection to the board.

Democrats Marisa Downs received 8,270 votes, Christal Vazquez Corliss received 7,753 votes and Nabeleh Raji Ghareeb received 7,440 votes. Joseph H. LeBlanc received 2,005 votes.

Tulip time?

An annual tradition in downtown Plymouth continued last weekend despite the pandemic when members of the Noon Rotary Club and their families planted hundreds of tulip bulbs set to bloom next spring. As usual, the color of the anticipated flowers will remain a secret until the first buds appear. Photo by Dave Willett

Troopers search Inkster site

Michigan State Police Troopers executed a search warrant at an Inkster location last Thursday, leading to several arrests on drug charges.

According to police reports, several people in Wayne County were taken into custody in connection with an investigation of alleged fentanyl trafficking.

Four search warrants were executed at locations in Detroit, Hamtramck, Taylor and Inkster, according to the prepared statement.

The searches led to the seizure of more than 1.2 kilograms of fentanyl, 54 grams of cocaine and 32 grams of Methoxetamine, a drug similar to PCP, state police said. Police also recovered one firearm and $48,910 in cash.

Officials did not release the addresses of the locations involved in the search or the specific amounts of drugs or cash located at the separate addresses of the raids.

The arrests follow a months-long investigation involving the Metro Narcotics Enforcement Team, according to Michigan State Police. The multijurisdictional narcotics task force includes state, local and federal officers, several from area police departments.

According to police, criminal charges are pending against those arrested.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Councilman Wadsworth

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire Services; Merrie Druyer - Economic Development Coordinator; Joshua Monte - Police Captain; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci - Director of Public Services; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director

1. Agenda
A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
Nays - None
Abstain - Williams
Motion Carried
2. Minutes
A. Res. #20-268 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 5, 2020
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Res. #20-269 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on October 5, 2020 - 6:45pm; Study Session: Quarterly Investment Report**
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
3. No petitions/petitioner at this meeting
4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
A. Res. #20-270 Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to provide and publish an alternative email address to submit requests and a telephone call in number for members of the public to utilize for addressing City Council when Council returns to the Chambers for public meetings until the COVID pandemic public health and safety concerns are significantly minimized in the State of Michigan
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb,
Nays - Williams
Motion Carried
B. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to accept the Chairperson's Report
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
A. Res. #20-271 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Contract for Services of Independent Contractor (34th District Court MIDC Coordinator/Attorney) agreement between Teresa Patton and the City of Romulus.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Res. #20-272 Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Contract for Services of Independent Contractor with Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) hourly attorneys.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
C. Res. #20-273 Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the DPW to dispose of the listed vehicles through Martin Towing, with a disposal fee of $50.00 per vehicle with all other proceeds deposited into the appropriate City fund per table below.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
D. Res. #20-274 Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and adopt the resolution of the City of Romulus to concur in the Rules and Regulations concerning Industrial Pretreatment Program as adopted by the Great Lakes Water Authority.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
E. Res. #20-275 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and approve to allow Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) to continue Lead & Copper testing as long as is required.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
F. Res. #20-276 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 20/21-06 to the lowest, responsive and most responsible bidder, Nye Uniform Co. for the duty and Class A uniforms used by the City of Romulus, Fire Department. The pricing will be held firm for a three (3) year period.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
A. Res. #20-277 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Alley Vacation Request for Ron Youngblood of 11111 Grover Street: Vacation of the entire alley in Junction Subdivision, Block 6 abutting Lots 1-24 and Lot 32-55 inclusive and that an easement for public utility purposes shall be maintained in the alley
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Res. #20-278 Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Street Vacation Request for Phillipa Matakas of 9620 Allen Road, Allen Park, MI: vacation of that portion of Cordell Ave. from Hildebrandt Road south to terminus and Lorman Ave. from the east side of Lorraine Ave. east to terminus in the SW 1/4 Section 13 and that an easement shall be maintained for public utility purposes.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
Nays - Abdo, Williams
Motion Carried
7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer
8. Public Comment - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.
A resident inquired about any ordinance referencing engine breaking on semi-trucks in comparison to other municipalities. The same resident also inquired about a homeless individual who is consistently seen by the airport and if a city employee look into providing assistance to the individual.
9. No unfinished business conducted at this meeting
10. No new business conducted at this meeting
11. Warrant
A. Res. #20-279 Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 20-19 Checks presented in the amount of $1, 470, 646.66
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
Nays - Williams
Motion Carried
12. Communication
Councilwoman Abdo commented on the Daddy-Daughter Dance and congratulated Recreation Coordinator Tanya Cofield on her creativity in the event. Councilwoman Talley thanked Director of Fire Services Kevin Krause on the resources and information provided to the Ministerial Alliance on safely reopening building locations while providing 4,000 face masks. She also made a reminder about the extension of the U.S. Census. Councilwoman Roscoe mentioned that voting for the Cutest Baby/Cutest Pet Contest is on the city website. She also gave a reminder that the Fall Harvest Porch Contest deadline is October 15 and thanked all the participants for the Romulus Relay for Life. Councilwoman Williams informed everyone that Forgotten Harvest will be at the Romulus High School on October 13 at 12:00pm. She also requested that the administration take action on reaching out to other social organizations in assisting the homeless individual mentioned by a resident in the public comments portion of the meeting. She also suggested that the city look into construction of a homeless shelter.
13. Adjournment
Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:54p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 12, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Northville

Record number of votes is cast in Northville

A record number of 4,394 voters cast ballots in the 2020 presidential election in the city of Northville. The majority (3,092) voted by absentee ballot while 1,302 went to the polls on Nov. 3, according to an official posting on the city website.

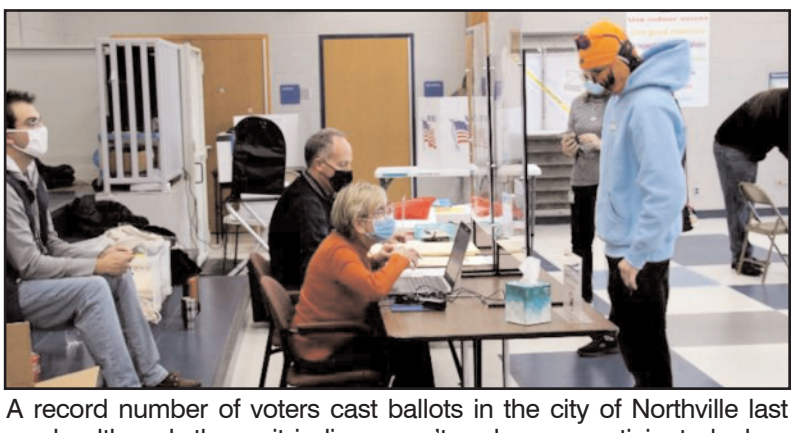
The elections was a very close contest in many races - locally as well as nationally. Voters in the City of Northville selected Joe Biden as president over Donald Trump (2,378 to 1,906 votes); Sen. Gary Peters (incumbent) over John James by a thin margin of 2,180 to 2,106; U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens (incumbent) over Eric Esshaki (by 2,169 to 2,045); Kelly Breen as State representative over Chase Turner (1,145 to 1,056) and State Rep. Matthew Koleszar (incumbent) over John Lacny by 1,061 to 940 votes.

At both polling locations - Precinct 1 at the Community Center and Precinct 2 at Amerman Elementary School - there were long lines of voters, socially distanced, when the polls opened at 7 a.m. A steady stream of voters came throughout the day, with the majority voting in the morning and evening. A poll worker at each location sprayed down voting booths in between voters and hand sanitizer was readily available.

In Precinct 1, of 2,526 registered voters, 1,455 voted by absentee ballot and 634 voted in person at the polls. In Precinct 2, of 2,776 registered voters, 1,637 voted by absentee ballot and 668 voted at the polls.

Results are not yet recorded as official until they are canvassed by the county and certified by the State Board of Canvassers.

Voting was made possible by the work of poll workers, headed by Precinct 1 Election Chair Michelle Avallone, Precinct 2 Chair Jo Ellen Hyatt, Precinct 1 Absentee Counting Board Chair Edie Wittekindt and Precinct 2 Absentee Counting Board Chair Mike Hyatt.



A record number of voters cast ballots in the city of Northville last week, although the wait in line wasn't as long as anticipated when the majority took advantage of absentee voting.

Voter turnout in the city was 82.87 percent.

Approximately 908 registered voters in Northville did not vote in this election.

Write-in incumbents defeated by township voters

Mark J. Abbo, a Republican, was elected to serve as the supervisor of Northville Township with 80.99 percent of the votes cast last week defeating incumbent Robert Nix who sought to return to the office as a write-in.

Abbo garnered a total of 11,285 votes while Nix write in total 2,649 or 19.01 percent of the votes cast.

Abbo previously served as township supervisor from 2000 until 2012 and served as a township trustee for eight years prior to that time.

Roger Lundberg, a Republican, received 11,542 votes to secure the office of Northville Township clerk defeating incumbent Margie Banner who sought the office as a write-in candidate. She received 1,783 votes or 13.38 percent of the total votes cast.

Also seeking to return to office as a write-in candidate was incumbent treasurer Fred Shadko. He received 1,225 votes as opposed to the 11,706 or 90.53 percent of the votes garnered by candidate Jason Rhines. Both are Republicans.

Elected to the township board of trustees were top vote getter Republican Mindy Hermann who received 10,990 votes. She will be joined on the board by Cynthia L. Jankowski who received 10,755 votes; Scott Frush who won 10,300 votes and Chris Roosen who received 9,945 votes. All are Republicans.

Democratic candidates M. Aslam and Tanya Eileen Juarez Lundberg received 8,655 and 9.301 votes respectively.

Incumbent is returned to Northville Board of Education

Northville Public Schools district voters returned incumbent Sarah Prescott to the board of education during the election last week.

This will be Prescott's second four-year term on the board. She received a total of 11,377 votes according to preliminary reports.

She will be joined by Lisa McIntyre who received 8,830 votes; Lindsey Wilson who garnered 7,951 votes and James Mazurek who was the choice of 7,856 voters. Mazurek previously served on the board of education from 2012 through 2018. Mazurek was only one vote ahead of Kimberly Campbell-Voytal who had a total of 7,855 votes in the balloting.

Sherrie Winfield collected 7,728 votes, Blake A. Mathie won 5,110 votes, Harihar Kulkami received 3,445 votes and Douglas Miller received 2,911 votes.

The tallies were derived from the unofficial election results posted by Wayne, Oakland, and Washtenaw Counties, each representing 100 percent of precincts reporting, according to Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. Election results are subject to certification by the Board of County Canvassers, and are not final until after that process has taken place, she cautioned.

Annual Northville Art House exhibit features 'Small Wonders'

The Northville Art House is currently featuring more than 150 works on a diminutive scale created by 67 national and international artists.

The Small Works: Juried All-Media Exhibition will continue through Dec. 12 and includes works limited to16 inches in any direction. The artwork ranges from two-dimensional drawings, paintings, photography, and traditional prints to three-dimensional ceramics, fused glass, metalwork, and textiles. All works are for sale and priced to be perfect holiday gifts that will have everyone feeling festive," according to Art House Creative Director Ryan Kaltenbach.

"Whether you're starting a collection, adding to one, or giving art as a gift, small works can bring countless hours of intimate pleasure," he said.

The artists presenting their small works in the exhibition include: JeanPaul Aboudib (Canton), Sandra Ackerman (West Bloomfield), Peter Acomb (Detroit), Suzanne Allen (Ferndale), Adina Andrus (Long Island City, NY), Jill Ault (Ann Arbor), Sylvia Bandyke (Royal Oak), Judith Bemis (Ann Arbor), Irina Bondarenko (Ann Arbor), Danna Bowersox (Northville), Candace Brancik (Milford), Allen Brooks (Livonia), Marchelle Brotz (Northville), Sara Slee Brown (Iowa City, IA), Cherie Burbach (Oostburg, WI), Zena Carnaghi (Grosse Pointe Farms), Pat Cheal(Brighton), Donald Cronkhite (Allen Park), Patricia Davenport (Ann Arbor), Pamela Day (Wixom), Lorraine Dietrich (Shawinigan, Quebec), Arlene Evans (Northville), Nancy Fanzini (Farmington Hills),Laura Fawaz (Northville), Daria Fileta (Northville), Kathy Fish-Gilbert (Waterford), Kath Frajbis(Whitmore Lake), Daniel Geanes (Detroit), Denise Gonzalez (Northville), Debbie Grifka (Ann Arbor), Sara Hadley (Novi), Lawrence Hamilton (Wixom), Joan Harris (Ann Arbor), Angela Helt (Commerce Township), Jim Karell (Plymouth), WanChuan Kesler (Northville), Laila Kujala (Milan), Maria Latour (Livonia), Brant MacLean (Detroit), Susan Mankowski (Ann Arbor), Kathleen McNamee (Grosse Pointe Farms), Irene Mokra (Ann Arbor), Mary Lou Olds (Tecumseh), Linda Pelowski (Farmington Hills), Robert Perrish (Livonia), Susan Perrish (Livonia), Lisa Richter (Bingham Farms), Denise Rohde (Ann Arbor), Jeanne Ruzzin (Oak Park), Gayle Sanchirico (Brighton), Stephanie Sarris (Novi), Bill Schahfer (Royal Oak), Chuck Schroeder (Livonia), Brenda Beene Shackleford (Roseville), KK Sparks (Milford), Rose Starke(Farmington Hills), Pamela Stoddard (Howell), Pat Vartanian (Novi), Virginia Wait (Whitmore Lake), Cornelia Wende (Ann Arbor), Bob Wesley (Walled Lake), Lisa Wight (Plymouth), Janice Wilkiemeyer (Northville), Lou Wolf Vallance (Rockford), Nobuko Yamasaki (Grosse Pointe Shores), Emily Zelasko (Lincoln Park), and Lori Zurvalec (Grosse Pointe).

The public is invited to a free reception for Small Works set for 1 until 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. All small works are 10 percent off the listed price during the reception. Art House hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Art House will be closed Thanksgiving Week. Visitors are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady in Northville. For more information, visit www.northvillearthouse.org.

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1. Obituaries

Marion Mae Miller

Marion Mae Miller, 85, a long-time resident of Northville died peacefully Nov. 5, 2020 surrounded by her family in her home at Independence Village in Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband David (Bob) Miller.

Among her survivors are her children, Dave (Linda), Don (Debi), Ron (Karen) and Kim (Kerry) Ryan; grandchildren, David, Jeff, Shanna, Heather, Michael, Kelly, Jimmy and Robbie, and great-grandchildren Breona, Jace, Ryan, Colton and Sunny.

A private (family only) service will take place today, Nov. 12. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the National Kidney Foundation.

32. Help Wanted Drivers

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Champions movie screening will include 'star power'

The Champions program will get a boost of star power Saturday with the virtual screening of Unclaimed, a movie starring a Wayne High School graduate.

The film, the story of a crusty old black guy and a lonely white kid and a reluctant friendship built on cremating dead folks nobody wants, was written, produced and directed by TW Miller who spent 20 years around Hollywood honing his craft.

Starring in the film is Antoine McKay, a alumni of Wayne Memorial High School, who has appeared in television shows such as ER on NBC, Prison Break and Empire on FOX.

The virtual screening of the movie and the Champions of Wayne documentary is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. The screening is a benefit for the Champions of Wayne program and will include special guest appearances from Westland native and emcee for the evening, Gregory Jbara. Jbara is currently staring as "DCPI Garrett Moore" on the CBS hit police drama, Blue Bloods. He will be joined by Willie Horton and Dave Coulier.

As with many other programs, Champions of Wayne has been adversely affected financially by the current pandemic, prompting the unusual virtual screening of the film to achieve attention to the program.

The innovative Champions of Wayne academic program at Wayne Memorial High School has repeatedly produced headturning results in Wayne and has caught the attention of educators far and wide. The program combines mentoring, incentives, and goal-setting to bolster culture and achievement and has been offered at Wayne Memorial for nearly a decade. Beginning as a grassroots program in 2009 with a trophy and a number 2 pencil, Champions of Wayne has grown to a robust 501c3 nonprofit and serves as a beacon to other schools in the state.

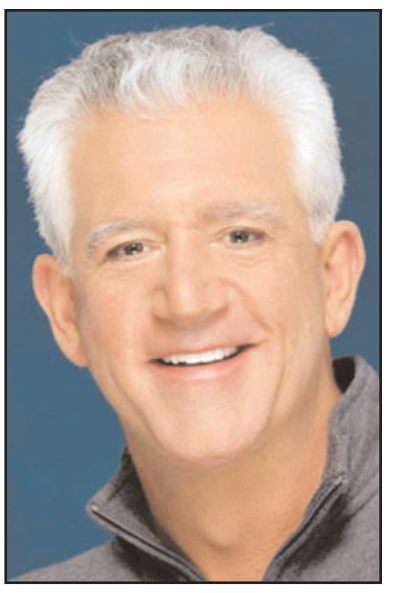
Once measured as a below average high school, Wayne Memorial has now been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of America's best high schools for two consecutive years has recent graduates attending colleges including Stanford, Harvard, and Georgetown as well as record admissions to Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

"Champions of Wayne has been an integral part of the changes to Wayne Memorial," said James Anderson, school principal. "The program has been a cornerstone in shaping the student-oriented culture at Wayne Memorial."

The benefit screening is supported by sponsors Beaumont Health System and Jack Demmer Ford.

Visit championsofwayne.org/movie2020 for additional details, updates and to register for the screening.

Antoine McKay



Gregory Jbara

Wayne ward proposals OK'd; incumbent mayor reelected

Wayne voters reelected incumbent Mayor John P. Rhaesa by a narrow margin giving him another term in office during voting last week.

Rhaesa received 3,275 votes to defeat opponent Anthony Wayne Miller who received 3,131 votes.

Rhaesa took 51 percent of the votes while Miller was favored by 49 percent of the electorate.

Voters also eliminated the ward system of voting in the city with the approval of Voting District Proposal 1. Voters approved the measure with 3,957 yes votes and 2,734 voting no. The totals indicated at 59 percent of voters were in favor of eliminating the ward system and returning the city to a single voting district. The ward system was approved by voters in 2014 and required candidates for city council to be from one of six wards although voting was at large. The approved proposal will now have council members elected at large throughout the city without any ward residence requirement.

Proposal 2 on the city ballot would have kept the ward system and required that only voters in the specific ward chose the city council member from that ward. Yes votes totaled 3,935 or 58 percent while no votes were 2,801 or 42 percent. Since both proposals were approved, the question with the most yes votes will become effective in the city. Proposal 1 was favored by more voters, making it the new system in the city. The ward system will be phased out in the community. The three city council members elected this year will continue to represent their wards until the end of their terms of office. Voters will choose three candidates to serve on the city council in 2022 under the new system and vote for at-large candidates in 2024.

Incumbent Mayor John P. Rhaesa is sworn into office by Wayne City Clerk Tina M. Stanke on Monday after winning reelection Nov. 3. Photo by Sean Rhaesa

Voters also chose members of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education.

The top vote getter in the election to fill three terms on the board was Kimberly R. May who received 9,661 votes. Incumbent Melandie Yvonne Hines received 8,932 votes and newcomer John Albrecht earned 8,848 votes. These three candidates were successful in their campaigns to serve terms on the board.

Other candidates, Angela Jackson-Irvine received 8,832 votes; Timothy Gilbert was favored by 8,561 voters; Sheree Conn received 6,936 votes; Gayle Nicholson was the choice of 5,583 voters; Susan Lachhman received 5,390; Daniel Beier collected 3,545 votes and Eric Cleereman vote total was 3,265.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 26, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Councilman Wadsworth

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kevin Losen - HR Director; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Carol Maise - City Planner; Robert McCraight - Building Director; Merrie Druyor - Economic Development Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the agenda as presented
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. #20-280 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 12, 2020
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-281 Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on October 12, 2020 - 6:00p, Study Session: Wayne and Ecorse Intersection & Land Acquisition, 6:30p - Study Session: Retiree Health Plan
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

A. Res. #20-282 Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Don Treder
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #20-283 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ron Dick
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #20-284 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Raynard Shreves
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #20-285 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family Louise Green-Bell
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

A. Res. #20-286 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and approve the proposed fiscal year 2021-2023 agreement between the City of Romulus and Wayne County to continue the Urban County Program to make funds available for Community Development Block Grant.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-287 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and adopt the Resolution to Establish a Request for Funding, Designate an Agent, Attest to the Existence of Funds and Commit to Implementing a Maintenance Program for the Huron River Non-Motorized Pathway from Northline to Grant
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #20-288 Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and adopt the Resolution for Retiree Healthcare Modifications
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Res. #20-289 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreements for the municipal credit and community credit and CARES funding contracts for the 2021 fiscal year.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

E. Res. #20-290 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the administration and extend the agreement from RFQ 16/17-09 with Munetrix LLC for a three (3) year period from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2023 in the amount of $5,548.00 per year.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. Res. #20-291 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request from the Building Department for 11/23/20 @ 6:00pm to discuss an amendment to Section 8-20 of the City Code of Ordinance.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-292 Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request from Carol Maise, City Planner for 11/23/20 @ 6:15pm to discuss a conceptual development plan for 200 acres of property on the west side of Vining Road, south of Ecorse Road.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.
A resident inquired if the memorial resolution for Mr. Shreve was for the son or the father
The same resident also asked if the city is still recycling and what is the cost difference of trash vs. recycling

9. Unfinished Business
Councilman Wadsworth made a follow-up inquiry for the timeline of the Veterans Memorial. DPW Director Scappaticci responded that the timeline to restart/install the Veterans Memorial will be Spring of 2021.

10. New Business

11. Warrant

A. Res. #20-293 Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 20-20 Checks presented in the amount of $6,466,433.34
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication
Councilwoman Roscoe announced that the VFW will conduct a trunk or treat from 3-5 pm on October 31. She also reminded everyone that October is Fire Prevention Month and to be sure to check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detector. She also thanked the DTE Foundation, MetLife, and the administration for the planting of trees at the historic park pavilion as well as other city parks. Councilwoman Roscoe congratulated Jerry Frayer for his promotion to Foreman. Councilman Wadsworth reminded everyone that October is also breast cancer awareness month and to keep those who are fighting breast cancer and those who have lost their lives in prayer. Councilwoman Williams thanked the administration for bringing sidewalks to the north end of Romulus and the Clerk's Office for their hard work during this election year. Councilwoman Talley also congratulated Jerry Frayer on his new position. She encouraged residents to participate in the Romulus Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Assessment Survey and she thanked the administration for their efforts in procuring grants for the city.

13. Adjournment
Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the meeting at 8:36p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 26, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Sumpter - Romulus

Cruelty charges against zoo owner are dismissed

Javon Stacks will have another 300 or so mouths to feed this month.

More than 300 of about 600 animals seized by Romulus Police in a raid on a storefront last August will be returned to Stacks after a judge dismissed all charges against him. Stacks was originally charged with animal cruelty, abandonment and neglect of the animals which police found in the storefront following an anonymous tip.

Stacks was facing charges when more than 600 animals were found and confiscated by police, including six Flemish giant rabbits, three large iguanas, two kangaroos, a peacock, an Arctic fox and a 16-foot, 200-pound reticulated python along with more than 300 hedgehogs. The kangaroos, placed in the custody of the Detroit Zoo following the raid did not survive, along with about 300 of the other seized animals.

Stacks, 37, has defended himself against the charges consistently, claiming that he provided educational entertainment at schools to teach students about the animals and that he took very good care of them.

Stacks said that he simply wanted to get his animals back and begin to rebuild his life. "Now what I want to focus on is getting my animals back to my zoo safely with me, and start building my life back together," he reportedly said. He told one local TV channel that he "felt great" and that he was "God blessed."

Stacks said he is considering filing a legal claim for the value of the animals who died while in custody. He said more than 300 died after they were seized during the investigation. He also alleges that the tip which sent Romulus police to the storefront was called in by "a jealous guy, he wanted me out of business," he said.

Javon Stacks

Voters in Sumpter Township choose incumbents for board

Sumpter Township voters elected a new supervisor and treasurer last week and reelected incumbents to the board of trustees.

Tim Bowman, a Republican, received a total of 2,709 votes for supervisor while incumbent John W. Morgan, a Democrat, received 2,291 votes.

There were 5,033 votes cast, with 2,537 cast by absentee ballot and 2,496 cast on election day. There were 33 unresolved ballots, according to township officials.

Esther Hurst, who was unopposed, received a total of 3,193 votes and will serve another term as township clerk. James C. Clark, a Democrat, received 2,813 votes in his bid to become the new township treasurer. Clark was opposed by write-in candidate Vincent Warren, although there was no total vote count available for Warren at press time.

Top vote getter for the board of trustees was incumbent Tim Rush, a Republican, who received 3,035 votes. His total was followed by incumbent Matt Oddy, a Democrat, who received 2,457 votes and incumbent Don LaPorte who garnered 2,544 votes.

Candidate Peggy Morgan, a Democrat, received 2,313 votes to win a seat on the board. Democrat Sheena Barnes received 2,244 votes.

Voters also selected members of the Van Buren Public School District Board of Education. Top voter getter was incumbent Kelly Owen with 1,069 votes. Her total was followed by incumbent Simone Pinter with 977 votes and incumbent Susan K. Featheringill with 904 votes. Dionne Falconer won the fourth available seat on the board with 710 votes

Candidate Terrance C. Goff received 646 votes.

All four of the new school board members live in Van Buren Township.

Suspect is arraigned in murder of Van Buren Township woman

Michigan State Police said last week that an Ohio man has been charged in the 2017 death of Egypt Covington who was found dead in her Van Buren Township home. In an earlier statement, police said that two suspects had been arrested in connection with the killing.

Police said that Timothy Eugene Moore, 34, of Toledo, Ohio, was arraigned on one count of first degree murder, felony murder, first-degree home invasion, felon in possession of a firearm and four counts of felony firearm in the 34th District Court in Romulus late last week. The court denied bond.

A second suspect in the killing was released, according to police, who did not provide any other information.

Miss Covington was 27 at the time of her death and was a popular musician and singer along with her job as a beer distributor account manager.

Her body was discovered June 23, 2017 by her boyfriend. She was killed by a single gunshot behind her ear and her hands had been tied with a string of Christmas lights. Police said that Miss Covington had last been seen at a yoga class the day before her body was discovered.

Multiple reports of the investigation indicated that detectives believed that the killing was not a random act and that Miss Covington was known to her killer or killers. Her family members, however, say they have no idea why anyone would have wanted to do her harm.

Her brother, D'Wayne Turner, told local news outlets that he is glad his family is one step closer to justice. "We're definitely going to have a celebration," he reportedly said. "We're pretty limited on information. But the state detectives gave us a call that two people were arrested."

Miss Covington's father, Chuck Covington, is reported to have said he experienced a wave of emotions when he received the news that arrests had been made. He reportedly said that the arrests were a beginning of closure and spoke of his late daughter as the kind of person "who could light up a room."

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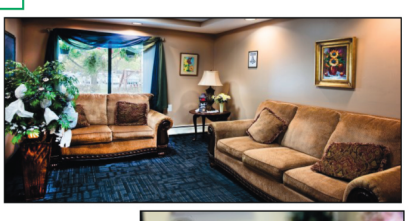

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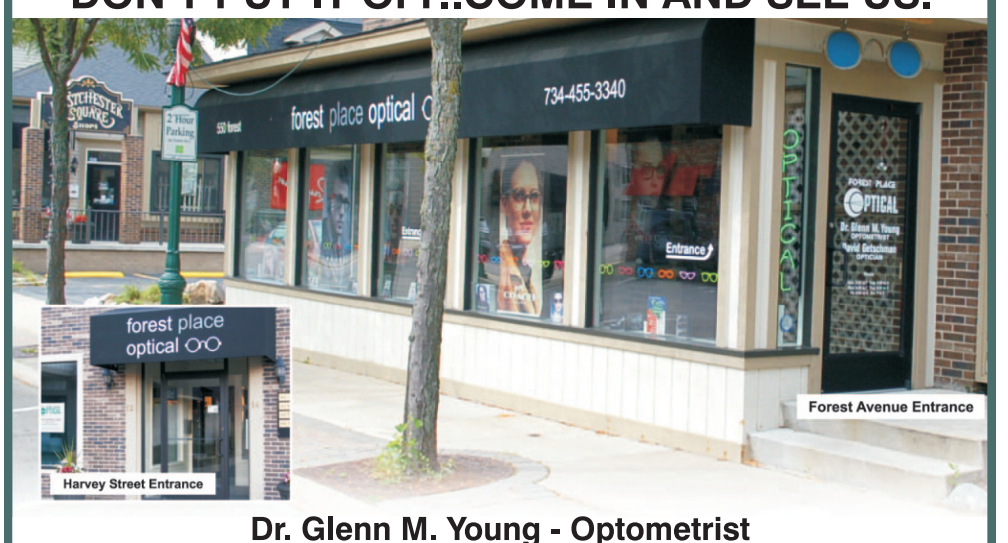

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